



**METROPOLITAN  
POLICE**

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**Freedom of Information Request Reference No:**

I note you seek access to the following information:

Knife crime figures for all London boroughs, Information for the last 12 months, so we could then look at how each London borough has done. Noting the borough's that are doing well or not so well.

**DECISION**

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please find attached information pursuant to your request above.

**Information Rights Unit**

## Knife Crime Offences by Recorded Date & Sanction Detections by Detected Date across the MPS by Borough and Month

Between the 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016

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Summary	Knife Crime Offences by Recorded Date & Sanction Detections by Detected Date across the MPS by Borough and Month, between the 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016
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**This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from: Metstats2**

**Date Live data was extracted: 01/02/2017**

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## Notes

The data in this report was extracted from the Metstats2 system on 01/02/2017.

Live data is subject to change as records are reviewed and updated

The count in this report is a count of classified and confirmed knife Crime offences across MPS broken down by borough and month.

The data in this report are the offences by recorded date of the crime and sanction detection (SD) are by the detected date of the crime between 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016.

Heathrow and City Airport knife crime data was removed from the table as each month for the offences and sanction dection were zero. This is not recognised borough but unique area within a borough where any relevent knife crime offences will be recorded.

## Knife Crime Definition

MPS Knife Crime aligns with the former Home Office (APACS) guidance introduced in April 2008, but has been updated to reflect changes in HO Classifications and CrimSec groupings that have been implemented at various times up to and including April 2015.

It is a measure identifying offences that satisfy both of the following criteria:

1. The offence is a confirmed classification relating to one of the following Home Office Offence Groupings (CrimSec Codes):

- 2 Attempted Murder
- 5D Assault with intent to cause serious harm
- 5E Endangering Life
- 8N Assault with Injury
- 8P Racially or religiously aggravated Assault with Injury
- 3B Threats to Kill
- 17A Sexual Assault on a Male (13 and over)
- 17B Sexual Assault on a Male (under 13)
- 20A Sexual Assault on a Female (13 and over)
- 20B Sexual Assault on a Female (under 13)
- 19 Rape
- 34A Robbery of Business Property
- 34B Robbery of Personal Property
- 1 Murder\*
- 4/1 Manslaughter\*
- 4/2 Infanticide\*
- 4/10 Corporate Manslaughter\*

\* Note: The four Homicide classifications are not in the technical definition of knife crime issued by the Home Office, but they accept that police forces will add them to their internal measures.

2. A feature code identifying weapon usage (countable as knife crime) has been added to the crime report.

The following three "how used" feature codes are relevant to knife crime offences:

XI Knife or other sharp instrument used to injure

XT Any knife or other sharp instrument used as a threat or in an attempt to injure

XP Knife or other sharp instrument intimidated – victim convinced weapon present

*A knife or other sharp instrument is defined as any instrument capable of piercing the skin. Examples include: knife, dagger, flick knife, kitchen knife, pen knife, craft knife, lock knife, Stanley knife, machete, axe, crossbow, dart, hypodermic needle, nail, studded club, needle, pin, pen/biro, saw, scissors, bayonet, broken bottle/glass or razor (N.B. this list is not exhaustive).*

## Definition of Sanction Detections

A 'Sanction Detection' is the term used for police-generated detections as opposed to those resolved through administrative means.

It is assumed that the accused receives a punishment or 'sanction' from the police.

Sanction Detections include cases where an accused person is:

- Charged
- Cautioned
- Summoned
- Has offences taken in to consideration (TIC)
- Issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice\* (e.g. Cannabis, retail theft)
- Given a formal warning for cannabis possession

\*any detection using this method will only be counted from completed CRIS records.

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**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that the Notes Page is read in conjunction with the data in this report to ensure that it is interpreted correctly.

**Knife Crime Offences by Recorded Date & Sanction Detections (SD) by Detected Date across the MPS by Borough and Month  
between the 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016**

OCU Name	Calendar Year												Total	Total Sanction
	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Offences	Detections
Barking & Dagenham	33	31	32	22	29	28	30	21	31	21	24	26	328	117
Barnet	30	17	26	39	20	32	24	20	21	35	26	22	312	75
Bexley	22	6	16	16	15	12	6	19	11	23	19	14	179	44
Brent	47	27	32	25	33	39	45	45	36	32	44	46	451	77
Bromley	7	18	14	16	18	18	22	14	30	30	25	25	237	64
Camden	17	18	21	15	33	22	23	36	24	23	25	41	298	53
Croydon	26	21	34	26	41	38	73	94	79	55	45	39	571	123
Ealing	31	40	28	27	33	41	39	34	52	44	30	25	424	96
Enfield	28	28	32	36	32	34	30	27	39	39	35	39	399	109
Greenwich	31	19	18	29	18	16	24	27	39	23	26	24	294	73
Hackney	31	21	46	36	46	41	44	46	44	40	43	40	478	82
Hammersmith & Fulham	15	12	14	12	19	16	13	14	23	20	11	25	194	35
Haringey	39	47	34	45	49	46	50	69	45	38	57	60	579	116
Harrow	13	9	10	8	20	13	22	16	20	24	11	11	177	24
Havering	14	17	12	14	14	14	20	13	10	14	21	15	178	51
Hillingdon	16	13	18	13	15	28	18	30	42	36	27	20	276	50
Hounslow	27	15	22	29	24	24	17	29	17	34	22	30	290	63
Islington	25	21	19	31	28	45	39	34	35	47	30	46	400	73
Kensington & Chelsea	9	11	14	10	14	11	18	35	19	24	16	11	192	39
Kingston upon Thames	3	5	7	8	4	9	3	7	9	5	5	4	69	28
Lambeth	26	35	40	30	64	52	64	51	57	63	57	51	590	118
Lewisham	49	21	27	20	42	29	35	43	52	44	50	35	447	123
Merton	15	11	18	10	24	5	19	14	13	17	14	13	173	47
Newham	60	49	58	43	33	50	66	48	37	75	86	69	674	93
Redbridge	23	23	36	26	20	18	42	47	22	15	27	34	333	73
Richmond upon Thames	5	5	6	3	8	10	5	4	8	3	5	8	70	29
Southwark	44	53	52	55	56	67	91	63	63	53	83	66	746	123
Sutton	5	9	4	5	5	13	9	7	8	8	13	6	92	20
Tower Hamlets	36	45	43	43	56	54	42	40	47	60	55	52	573	102
Waltham Forest	24	8	16	32	35	38	32	24	21	32	37	26	325	53
Wandsworth	23	10	19	15	25	22	22	32	17	32	16	27	260	59
Westminster	28	25	35	45	40	50	41	70	53	24	31	44	486	82
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1028</b>	<b>1073</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>1016</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>11095</b>	<b>2314</b>

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